THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Sir, the total contribution made by the Gujarat State towards Central Excise and indirect taxes, during the last three years, is as under:

Year	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1998-99	10,399.68
1999-2000	11,600.77
2000-2001	12,865.80

(b) the allocation made to Gujarat from Central funds and on account of share of Central tax revenue earned during the last three years, is as under:

Year	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1998-99	3143.88
1999-2000	3323.46
2000-2001	3361.83

(c) Central tax revenues are allocated to State on the basis of a sharing formula between Centre and States.

Oil Pool Deficit

273. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Oil pool deficit may cross Rs. 19,000 crore by fiscal end" which appeared in the Business Standard dated the 17th May, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to reduce the volume to subsidy and bring it to a sustainable level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Oil Pool Deficit is estimated to be around Rs. 12,600 crores as on 31-3-2001. The position of the Oil Pool Account depends upon the international prices of crude oil/ petroleum products, demand, domestic selling prices, exchange rate, etc.

(c) Pursuant to Government decision taken in November, 1997 on the details of phased dismantling of administered pricing mechanism, suitable adjustments in the prices of domestic LPG and Kerosene for public distribution are required to be made to reach the subsidy level at 15% and 33.33% of import parity respectively, by 2001-2002. On full de-regularisation, 2002 onwards, the subsidies will be transferred to fiscal budget of the Government.

Petrol pumps in Gujarat

274. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps which are working in the Gujarat giving company-wise dealership of each district of the State;

(b) whether it is a fact that all the four petroleum companies have given labour contacts to run their some of petrol pumps in different districts of Gujarat;

(c) if so, the list of the names of the company, the name of the labour contractor and the period from when such labour contract is given; and

(d) the reasons for not regularising the working of petrol pumps run on labour contract, by giving regular dealership by Petroleum companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) As on 1.4.2001, the company-wise number of retail outlets in operation in the State of Gujarat was as under:—

Name of the Company	Number of retail outlets
Indian Oil Corp. Ltd.	468
Bharat Petroleum Corp. Ltd.	288